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Cropsey and Hoogendyk sponsor Home-school Family Day at the Capitol

More than 250 home-schooled students attend to learn the legislative process

State Sen. Alan Cropsey and Rep. Jack Hoogendyk today sponsored a Home-school Family Day at the state Capitol to allow home-schooled students to learn about the legislative process and meet their local legislators.

As home-school dads, both Sen. Cropsey and Rep. Hoogendyk understand the importance of education and the need for students to be involved in the legislative process.

“Home-schooling is a wonderful way to provide students individualized attention and an exceptional education,” said Cropsey, R-DeWitt. “The quality of the students at today’s event, their overall intelligence and attention to learning, bode well for them and the future of our state. I applaud them and their parents for their dedication to education.”

More than 250 students attended the event. The home-schooled students represent more than 31 House districts and 20 Senate districts.

“By emphasizing education in our homes we can better prepare our children for this competitive business world,” said Hoogendyk, R-Kalamazoo. “Michigan’s future depends on a skilled and educated work force. As parents, we can improve the minds and aptitude of our children through our dedication to encourage life-long learning in the home, whether it is through home-schooling or through the public education system.”

Students had the opportunity to “job shadow” the legislators to committee hearings, observe a legislative session and take a tour of the Capitol. They had the privilege of attending a legislative luncheon with speakers, including Attorney General Mike Cox and House Appropriations Chair Scott Hummel, to emphasize the importance of education and Michigan government.

Citizens for Traditional Values and the Student Statesmanship Institute assisted the home-schooled students by taking part in a mock press conference to develop knowledge of media awareness in government.

Because the event was so popular, the legislators will sponsor another event on May 17. For more information, Sen. Cropsey can be contacted through his Web site at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/cropsey, by calling his office toll free at 1-866-305-2133 or by e-mail at senacropsey@senate.michigan.gov.

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